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# SENATE BILLS NOS. 627 & 925

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, February 22, 2018, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 137.016, 137.021, 137.115, 144.010, 262.900, 265.300, 267.565, 276.606, and 277.020, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to agriculture.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 137.016, 137.021, 137.115, 144.010, 262.900, 265.300, 267.565, 276.606, and 277.020, RSMo, are repealed and nine new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 137.016, 137.021, 137.115, 144.010, 262.900, 265.300, 267.565, 276.606, and 277.020, to read as follows:

137.016. 1. As used in Section 4(b) of Article X of the Missouri Constitution, the following terms mean:

(1) "Residential property", all real property improved by a structure which is used or intended to be used for residential living by human occupants, vacant land in connection with an airport, land used as a golf course, manufactured home parks, bed and breakfast inns in which the owner resides and uses as a primary residence with six or fewer rooms for rent, and time-share units as defined in section 407.600, except to the extent such units are actually rented and subject to sales tax under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 144.020, but residential property shall not include other similar facilities used primarily for transient housing. For the purposes of this section, "transient housing" means all rooms available for rent or lease for which the receipts from the rent or lease of such rooms are subject to state sales tax pursuant to subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of section 144.020;

(2) "Agricultural and horticultural property", all real property used for

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

16 agricultural purposes and devoted primarily to the raising and harvesting of  
17 crops; to the feeding, breeding and management of livestock which shall include  
18 breeding, showing, and boarding of horses; to dairying, or to any other  
19 combination thereof; and buildings and structures customarily associated with  
20 farming, agricultural, and horticultural uses. Agricultural and horticultural  
21 property shall also include land devoted to and qualifying for payments or other  
22 compensation under a soil conservation or agricultural assistance program under  
23 an agreement with an agency of the federal government. Agricultural and  
24 horticultural property shall further include land and improvements, exclusive of  
25 structures, on privately owned airports that qualify as reliever airports under the  
26 National Plan of Integrated Airports System, to receive federal airport  
27 improvement project funds through the Federal Aviation Administration. Real  
28 property classified as forest croplands shall not be agricultural or horticultural  
29 property so long as it is classified as forest croplands and shall be taxed in  
30 accordance with the laws enacted to implement Section 7 of Article X of the  
31 Missouri Constitution. Agricultural and horticultural property shall also include  
32 any sawmill or planing mill defined in the U.S. Department of Labor's Standard  
33 Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual under Industry Group 242 with the SIC  
34 number 2421. **Agricultural and horticultural property shall also include**  
35 **urban and community gardens. For the purposes of this section, "urban**  
36 **and community gardens" shall include real property cultivated by**  
37 **residents of a neighborhood or community for the purposes of**  
38 **providing agricultural products, as defined in section 262.900, for the**  
39 **use of residents of the neighborhood or community, and shall not**  
40 **include a garden intended for individual or personal use;**

41 (3) "Utility, industrial, commercial, railroad and other real property", all  
42 real property used directly or indirectly for any commercial, mining, industrial,  
43 manufacturing, trade, professional, business, or similar purpose, including all  
44 property centrally assessed by the state tax commission but shall not include  
45 floating docks, portions of which are separately owned and the remainder of  
46 which is designated for common ownership and in which no one person or  
47 business entity owns more than five individual units. All other real property not  
48 included in the property listed in subclasses (1) and (2) of Section 4(b) of Article  
49 X of the Missouri Constitution, as such property is defined in this section, shall  
50 be deemed to be included in the term "utility, industrial, commercial, railroad and  
51 other real property".

52           2. Pursuant to Article X of the state constitution, any taxing district may  
53 adjust its operating levy to recoup any loss of property tax revenue, except  
54 revenues from the surtax imposed pursuant to Article X, Subsection 2 of Section  
55 6 of the constitution, as the result of changing the classification of structures  
56 intended to be used for residential living by human occupants which contain five  
57 or more dwelling units if such adjustment of the levy does not exceed the highest  
58 tax rate in effect subsequent to the 1980 tax year. For purposes of this section,  
59 loss in revenue shall include the difference between the revenue that would have  
60 been collected on such property under its classification prior to enactment of this  
61 section and the amount to be collected under its classification under this  
62 section. The county assessor of each county or city not within a county shall  
63 provide information to each taxing district within its boundaries regarding the  
64 difference in assessed valuation of such property as the result of such change in  
65 classification.

66           3. All reclassification of property as the result of changing the  
67 classification of structures intended to be used for residential living by human  
68 occupants which contain five or more dwelling units shall apply to assessments  
69 made after December 31, 1994.

70           4. Where real property is used or held for use for more than one purpose  
71 and such uses result in different classifications, the county assessor shall allocate  
72 to each classification the percentage of the true value in money of the property  
73 devoted to each use; except that, where agricultural and horticultural property,  
74 as defined in this section, also contains a dwelling unit or units, the farm  
75 dwelling, appurtenant residential-related structures and up to five acres  
76 immediately surrounding such farm dwelling shall be residential property, as  
77 defined in this section, **provided that the portion of property used or held**  
78 **for use as an urban and community garden shall not be residential**  
79 **property.**

80           5. All real property which is vacant, unused, or held for future use; which  
81 is used for a private club, a not-for-profit or other nonexempt lodge, club,  
82 business, trade, service organization, or similar entity; or for which a  
83 determination as to its classification cannot be made under the definitions set out  
84 in subsection 1 of this section, shall be classified according to its immediate most  
85 suitable economic use, which use shall be determined after consideration of:

- 86           (1) Immediate prior use, if any, of such property;  
87           (2) Location of such property;

88 (3) Zoning classification of such property; except that, such zoning  
89 classification shall not be considered conclusive if, upon consideration of all  
90 factors, it is determined that such zoning classification does not reflect the  
91 immediate most suitable economic use of the property;

92 (4) Other legal restrictions on the use of such property;

93 (5) Availability of water, electricity, gas, sewers, street lighting, and other  
94 public services for such property;

95 (6) Size of such property;

96 (7) Access of such property to public thoroughfares; and

97 (8) Any other factors relevant to a determination of the immediate most  
98 suitable economic use of such property.

99 6. All lands classified as forest croplands shall not, for taxation purposes,  
100 be classified as subclass (1), subclass (2), or subclass (3) real property, as such  
101 classes are prescribed in Section 4(b) of Article X of the Missouri Constitution and  
102 defined in this section, but shall be taxed in accordance with the laws enacted to  
103 implement Section 7 of Article X of the Missouri Constitution.

137.021. 1. The assessor, in grading land which is devoted primarily to  
2 the raising and harvesting of crops, to the feeding, breeding and management of  
3 livestock, to dairying, or to any combination thereof, as defined in section  
4 137.016, pursuant to the provisions of sections 137.017 to 137.021, shall in  
5 addition to the assessor's personal knowledge, judgment and experience, consider  
6 soil surveys, decreases in land valuation due to natural disasters, level of flood  
7 protection, governmental regulations limiting the use of such land, the estate held  
8 in such land, and other relevant information. On or before December thirty-first  
9 of each odd-numbered year, the state tax commission shall promulgate by  
10 regulation and publish a value based on productive capability for each of the  
11 several grades of agricultural and horticultural land. If such rules are not  
12 disapproved by the general assembly in the manner set out below, they shall take  
13 effect on January first of the next odd-numbered year. Such values shall be based  
14 upon soil surveys, soil productivity indexes, production costs, crop yields,  
15 appropriate capitalization rates and any other pertinent factors, all of which may  
16 be provided by the college of agriculture of the University of Missouri, and shall  
17 be used by all county assessors in conjunction with their land grades in  
18 determining assessed values. Any regulation promulgated pursuant to this  
19 subsection shall be deemed to be beyond the scope and authority provided in this  
20 subsection if the general assembly, within the first sixty calendar days of the

21 regular session immediately following the promulgation of such regulation, by  
22 concurrent resolution, shall disapprove the values contained in such regulation.  
23 If the general assembly so disapproves any regulation promulgated pursuant to  
24 this subsection, the state tax commission shall continue to use values set forth  
25 in the most recent preceding regulation promulgated pursuant to this subsection.

26 **2. Any land which is used as an urban or community garden, as**  
27 **defined in section 137.016, shall be graded as grade #4, or its**  
28 **equivalent, under the rule promulgated by the state tax commission**  
29 **under subsection 1 of this section.**

30 **3.** When land that is agricultural and horticultural property, as defined  
31 in section 137.016, and is being valued and assessed for general property tax  
32 purposes pursuant to the provisions of sections 137.017 to 137.021 becomes  
33 property other than agricultural and horticultural property, as defined in section  
34 137.016, it shall be reassessed as of the following January first.

35 **[3.] 4.** Separation or split-off of a part of the land which is being valued  
36 and assessed for general property tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of  
37 sections 137.017 to 137.021, either by conveyance or other action of the owner of  
38 the land, so that such land is no longer agricultural and horticultural property,  
39 as defined in section 137.016, shall subject the land so separated to reassessment  
40 as of the following January first. This shall not impair the right of the remaining  
41 land to continuance of valuation and assessment for general property tax  
42 purposes pursuant to the provisions of sections 137.017 to 137.021.

137.115. 1. All other laws to the contrary notwithstanding, the assessor  
2 or the assessor's deputies in all counties of this state including the City of St.  
3 Louis shall annually make a list of all real and tangible personal property taxable  
4 in the assessor's city, county, town or district. Except as otherwise provided in  
5 subsection 3 of this section and section 137.078, the assessor shall annually  
6 assess all personal property at thirty-three and one-third percent of its true value  
7 in money as of January first of each calendar year. The assessor shall annually  
8 assess all real property, including any new construction and improvements to real  
9 property, and possessory interests in real property at the percent of its true value  
10 in money set in subsection 5 of this section. The true value in money of any  
11 possessory interest in real property in subclass (3), where such real property is  
12 on or lies within the ultimate airport boundary as shown by a federal airport  
13 layout plan, as defined by 14 CFR 151.5, of a commercial airport having a FAR  
14 Part 139 certification and owned by a political subdivision, shall be the otherwise

15 applicable true value in money of any such possessory interest in real property,  
16 less the total dollar amount of costs paid by a party, other than the political  
17 subdivision, towards any new construction or improvements on such real property  
18 completed after January 1, 2008, and which are included in the above-mentioned  
19 possessory interest, regardless of the year in which such costs were incurred or  
20 whether such costs were considered in any prior year. The assessor shall  
21 annually assess all real property in the following manner: new assessed values  
22 shall be determined as of January first of each odd-numbered year and shall be  
23 entered in the assessor's books; those same assessed values shall apply in the  
24 following even-numbered year, except for new construction and property  
25 improvements which shall be valued as though they had been completed as of  
26 January first of the preceding odd-numbered year. The assessor may call at the  
27 office, place of doing business, or residence of each person required by this  
28 chapter to list property, and require the person to make a correct statement of all  
29 taxable tangible personal property owned by the person or under his or her care,  
30 charge or management, taxable in the county. On or before January first of each  
31 even-numbered year, the assessor shall prepare and submit a two-year  
32 assessment maintenance plan to the county governing body and the state tax  
33 commission for their respective approval or modification. The county governing  
34 body shall approve and forward such plan or its alternative to the plan to the  
35 state tax commission by February first. If the county governing body fails to  
36 forward the plan or its alternative to the plan to the state tax commission by  
37 February first, the assessor's plan shall be considered approved by the county  
38 governing body. If the state tax commission fails to approve a plan and if the  
39 state tax commission and the assessor and the governing body of the county  
40 involved are unable to resolve the differences, in order to receive state cost-share  
41 funds outlined in section 137.750, the county or the assessor shall petition the  
42 administrative hearing commission, by May first, to decide all matters in dispute  
43 regarding the assessment maintenance plan. Upon agreement of the parties, the  
44 matter may be stayed while the parties proceed with mediation or arbitration  
45 upon terms agreed to by the parties. The final decision of the administrative  
46 hearing commission shall be subject to judicial review in the circuit court of the  
47 county involved. In the event a valuation of subclass (1) real property within any  
48 county with a charter form of government, or within a city not within a county,  
49 is made by a computer, computer-assisted method or a computer program, the  
50 burden of proof, supported by clear, convincing and cogent evidence to sustain

51 such valuation, shall be on the assessor at any hearing or appeal. In any such  
52 county, unless the assessor proves otherwise, there shall be a presumption that  
53 the assessment was made by a computer, computer-assisted method or a  
54 computer program. Such evidence shall include, but shall not be limited to, the  
55 following:

56 (1) The findings of the assessor based on an appraisal of the property by  
57 generally accepted appraisal techniques; and

58 (2) The purchase prices from sales of at least three comparable properties  
59 and the address or location thereof. As used in this subdivision, the word  
60 "comparable" means that:

61 (a) Such sale was closed at a date relevant to the property valuation; and

62 (b) Such properties are not more than one mile from the site of the  
63 disputed property, except where no similar properties exist within one mile of the  
64 disputed property, the nearest comparable property shall be used. Such property  
65 shall be within five hundred square feet in size of the disputed property, and  
66 resemble the disputed property in age, floor plan, number of rooms, and other  
67 relevant characteristics.

68 2. Assessors in each county of this state and the City of St. Louis may  
69 send personal property assessment forms through the mail.

70 3. The following items of personal property shall each constitute separate  
71 subclasses of tangible personal property and shall be assessed and valued for the  
72 purposes of taxation at the following percentages of their true value in money:

73 (1) Grain and other agricultural crops in an unmanufactured condition,  
74 one-half of one percent;

75 (2) Livestock, twelve percent;

76 (3) Farm machinery, twelve percent;

77 (4) Motor vehicles which are eligible for registration as and are registered  
78 as historic motor vehicles pursuant to section 301.131 and aircraft which are at  
79 least twenty-five years old and which are used solely for noncommercial purposes  
80 and are operated less than fifty hours per year or aircraft that are home built  
81 from a kit, five percent;

82 (5) Poultry, twelve percent; and

83 (6) Tools and equipment used for pollution control and tools and  
84 equipment used in retooling for the purpose of introducing new product lines or  
85 used for making improvements to existing products by any company which is  
86 located in a state enterprise zone and which is identified by any standard

87 industrial classification number cited in subdivision (5) of section 135.200,  
88 twenty-five percent.

89 4. The person listing the property shall enter a true and correct statement  
90 of the property, in a printed blank prepared for that purpose. The statement,  
91 after being filled out, shall be signed and either affirmed or sworn to as provided  
92 in section 137.155. The list shall then be delivered to the assessor.

93 5. (1) All subclasses of real property, as such subclasses are established  
94 in Section 4(b) of Article X of the Missouri Constitution and defined in section  
95 137.016, shall be assessed at the following percentages of true value:

96 [(1)] (a) For real property in subclass (1), nineteen percent;

97 [(2)] (b) For real property in subclass (2), twelve percent; and

98 [(3)] (c) For real property in subclass (3), thirty-two percent.

99 (2) **A taxpayer may apply to the county assessor, or, if not**  
100 **located within a county, then the assessor of such city, for the**  
101 **reclassification of such taxpayer's real property if the use or purpose**  
102 **of such real property is changed after such property is assessed under**  
103 **the provisions of this chapter. If the assessor determines that such**  
104 **property shall be reclassified, he or she shall determine the assessment**  
105 **under this subsection based on the percentage of the tax year that such**  
106 **property was classified in each subclassification.**

107 6. Manufactured homes, as defined in section 700.010, which are actually  
108 used as dwelling units shall be assessed at the same percentage of true value as  
109 residential real property for the purpose of taxation. The percentage of  
110 assessment of true value for such manufactured homes shall be the same as for  
111 residential real property. If the county collector cannot identify or find the  
112 manufactured home when attempting to attach the manufactured home for  
113 payment of taxes owed by the manufactured home owner, the county collector  
114 may request the county commission to have the manufactured home removed from  
115 the tax books, and such request shall be granted within thirty days after the  
116 request is made; however, the removal from the tax books does not remove the tax  
117 lien on the manufactured home if it is later identified or found. For purposes of  
118 this section, a manufactured home located in a manufactured home rental park,  
119 rental community or on real estate not owned by the manufactured home owner  
120 shall be considered personal property. For purposes of this section, a  
121 manufactured home located on real estate owned by the manufactured home  
122 owner may be considered real property.

123           7. Each manufactured home assessed shall be considered a parcel for the  
124 purpose of reimbursement pursuant to section 137.750, unless the manufactured  
125 home is real estate as defined in subsection 7 of section 442.015 and assessed as  
126 a realty improvement to the existing real estate parcel.

127           8. Any amount of tax due and owing based on the assessment of a  
128 manufactured home shall be included on the personal property tax statement of  
129 the manufactured home owner unless the manufactured home is real estate as  
130 defined in subsection 7 of section 442.015, in which case the amount of tax due  
131 and owing on the assessment of the manufactured home as a realty improvement  
132 to the existing real estate parcel shall be included on the real property tax  
133 statement of the real estate owner.

134           9. The assessor of each county and each city not within a county shall use  
135 the trade-in value published in the October issue of the National Automobile  
136 Dealers' Association Official Used Car Guide, or its successor publication, as the  
137 recommended guide of information for determining the true value of motor  
138 vehicles described in such publication. The assessor shall not use a value that  
139 is greater than the average trade-in value in determining the true value of the  
140 motor vehicle without performing a physical inspection of the motor vehicle. For  
141 vehicles two years old or newer from a vehicle's model year, the assessor may use  
142 a value other than average without performing a physical inspection of the motor  
143 vehicle. In the absence of a listing for a particular motor vehicle in such  
144 publication, the assessor shall use such information or publications which in the  
145 assessor's judgment will fairly estimate the true value in money of the motor  
146 vehicle.

147           10. Before the assessor may increase the assessed valuation of any parcel  
148 of subclass (1) real property by more than fifteen percent since the last  
149 assessment, excluding increases due to new construction or improvements, the  
150 assessor shall conduct a physical inspection of such property.

151           11. If a physical inspection is required, pursuant to subsection 10 of this  
152 section, the assessor shall notify the property owner of that fact in writing and  
153 shall provide the owner clear written notice of the owner's rights relating to the  
154 physical inspection. If a physical inspection is required, the property owner may  
155 request that an interior inspection be performed during the physical  
156 inspection. The owner shall have no less than thirty days to notify the assessor  
157 of a request for an interior physical inspection.

158           12. A physical inspection, as required by subsection 10 of this section,

159 shall include, but not be limited to, an on-site personal observation and review  
160 of all exterior portions of the land and any buildings and improvements to which  
161 the inspector has or may reasonably and lawfully gain external access, and shall  
162 include an observation and review of the interior of any buildings or  
163 improvements on the property upon the timely request of the owner pursuant to  
164 subsection 11 of this section. Mere observation of the property via a drive-by  
165 inspection or the like shall not be considered sufficient to constitute a physical  
166 inspection as required by this section.

167         13. The provisions of subsections 11 and 12 of this section shall only apply  
168 in any county with a charter form of government with more than one million  
169 inhabitants.

170         14. A county or city collector may accept credit cards as proper form of  
171 payment of outstanding property tax or license due. No county or city collector  
172 may charge surcharge for payment by credit card which exceeds the fee or  
173 surcharge charged by the credit card bank, processor, or issuer for its service. A  
174 county or city collector may accept payment by electronic transfers of funds in  
175 payment of any tax or license and charge the person making such payment a fee  
176 equal to the fee charged the county by the bank, processor, or issuer of such  
177 electronic payment.

178         15. Any county or city not within a county in this state may, by an  
179 affirmative vote of the governing body of such county, opt out of the provisions of  
180 this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as enacted by house bill  
181 no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session and section  
182 137.073 as modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute for  
183 senate committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general  
184 assembly, second regular session, for the next year of the general reassessment,  
185 prior to January first of any year. No county or city not within a county shall  
186 exercise this opt-out provision after implementing the provisions of this section  
187 and sections 137.073, 138.060, and 138.100 as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of  
188 the ninety-first general assembly, second regular session and section 137.073 as  
189 modified by house committee substitute for senate substitute for senate  
190 committee substitute for senate bill no. 960, ninety-second general assembly,  
191 second regular session, in a year of general reassessment. For the purposes of  
192 applying the provisions of this subsection, a political subdivision contained within  
193 two or more counties where at least one of such counties has opted out and at  
194 least one of such counties has not opted out shall calculate a single tax rate as

195 in effect prior to the enactment of house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general  
196 assembly, second regular session. A governing body of a city not within a county  
197 or a county that has opted out under the provisions of this subsection may choose  
198 to implement the provisions of this section and sections 137.073, 138.060, and  
199 138.100 as enacted by house bill no. 1150 of the ninety-first general assembly,  
200 second regular session, and section 137.073 as modified by house committee  
201 substitute for senate substitute for senate committee substitute for senate bill no.  
202 960, ninety-second general assembly, second regular session, for the next year of  
203 general reassessment, by an affirmative vote of the governing body prior to  
204 December thirty-first of any year.

205 16. The governing body of any city of the third classification with more  
206 than twenty-six thousand three hundred but fewer than twenty-six thousand  
207 seven hundred inhabitants located in any county that has exercised its authority  
208 to opt out under subsection 15 of this section may levy separate and differing tax  
209 rates for real and personal property only if such city bills and collects its own  
210 property taxes or satisfies the entire cost of the billing and collection of such  
211 separate and differing tax rates. Such separate and differing rates shall not  
212 exceed such city's tax rate ceiling.

213 17. Any portion of real property that is available as reserve for strip,  
214 surface, or coal mining for minerals for purposes of excavation for future use or  
215 sale to others that has not been bonded and permitted under chapter 444 shall  
216 be assessed based upon how the real property is currently being used. Any  
217 information provided to a county assessor, state tax commission, state agency, or  
218 political subdivision responsible for the administration of tax policies shall, in the  
219 performance of its duties, make available all books, records, and information  
220 requested, except such books, records, and information as are by law declared  
221 confidential in nature, including individually identifiable information regarding  
222 a specific taxpayer or taxpayer's mine property. For purposes of this subsection,  
223 "mine property" shall mean all real property that is in use or readily available as  
224 a reserve for strip, surface, or coal mining for minerals for purposes of excavation  
225 for current or future use or sale to others that has been bonded and permitted  
226 under chapter 444.

144.010. 1. The following words, terms, and phrases when used in  
2 sections 144.010 to 144.525 have the meanings ascribed to them in this section,  
3 except when the context indicates a different meaning:

4 (1) "Admission" includes seats and tables, reserved or otherwise, and

5 other similar accommodations and charges made therefor and amount paid for  
6 admission, exclusive of any admission tax imposed by the federal government or  
7 by sections 144.010 to 144.525;

8         (2) "Business" includes any activity engaged in by any person, or caused  
9 to be engaged in by him, with the object of gain, benefit or advantage, either  
10 direct or indirect, and the classification of which business is of such character as  
11 to be subject to the terms of sections 144.010 to 144.525. A person is "engaging  
12 in business" in this state for purposes of sections 144.010 to 144.525 if such  
13 person engages in business [in] **activities within** this state or maintains a place  
14 of business in this state under section 144.605. The isolated or occasional sale  
15 of tangible personal property, service, substance, or thing, by a person not  
16 engaged in such business, does not constitute engaging in business within the  
17 meaning of sections 144.010 to 144.525 unless the total amount of the gross  
18 receipts from such sales, exclusive of receipts from the sale of tangible personal  
19 property by persons which property is sold in the course of the partial or complete  
20 liquidation of a household, farm or nonbusiness enterprise, exceeds three  
21 thousand dollars in any calendar year. The provisions of this subdivision shall  
22 not be construed to make any sale of property which is exempt from sales tax or  
23 use tax on June 1, 1977, subject to that tax thereafter;

24         (3) "Captive wildlife", includes but is not limited to exotic partridges, gray  
25 partridge, northern bobwhite quail, ring-necked pheasant, captive waterfowl,  
26 captive white-tailed deer, captive elk, and captive furbearers held under permit  
27 issued by the Missouri department of conservation for hunting purposes. The  
28 provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to sales tax on a harvested animal;

29         (4) "Gross receipts", except as provided in section 144.012, means the total  
30 amount of the sale price of the sales at retail including any services other than  
31 charges incident to the extension of credit that are a part of such sales made by  
32 the businesses herein referred to, capable of being valued in money, whether  
33 received in money or otherwise; except that, the term gross receipts shall not  
34 include the sale price of property returned by customers when the full sale price  
35 thereof is refunded either in cash or by credit. In determining any tax due under  
36 sections 144.010 to 144.525 on the gross receipts, charges incident to the  
37 extension of credit shall be specifically exempted. For the purposes of sections  
38 144.010 to 144.525 the total amount of the sale price above mentioned shall be  
39 deemed to be the amount received. It shall also include the lease or rental  
40 consideration where the right to continuous possession or use of any article of

41 tangible personal property is granted under a lease or contract and such transfer  
42 of possession would be taxable if outright sale were made and, in such cases, the  
43 same shall be taxable as if outright sale were made and considered as a sale of  
44 such article, and the tax shall be computed and paid by the lessee upon the  
45 rentals paid. The term "gross receipts" shall not include usual and customary  
46 delivery charges that are stated separately from the sale price;

47 (5) "Instructional class", includes any class, lesson, or instruction intended  
48 or used for teaching;

49 (6) "Livestock", cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds, including but not  
50 limited to, ostrich and emu, aquatic products as [defined] **described** in section  
51 277.024, llamas, alpaca, buffalo, **bison**, elk documented as obtained from a legal  
52 source and not from the wild, goats, horses, other equine, or rabbits raised in  
53 confinement for human consumption;

54 (7) "Motor vehicle leasing company" shall be a company obtaining a  
55 permit from the director of revenue to operate as a motor vehicle leasing  
56 company. Not all persons renting or leasing trailers or motor vehicles need to  
57 obtain such a permit; however, no person failing to obtain such a permit may  
58 avail itself of the optional tax provisions of subsection 5 of section 144.070, as  
59 hereinafter provided;

60 (8) "Person" includes any individual, firm, copartnership, joint adventure,  
61 association, corporation, municipal or private, and whether organized for profit  
62 or not, state, county, political subdivision, state department, commission, board,  
63 bureau or agency, except the state transportation department, estate, trust,  
64 business trust, receiver or trustee appointed by the state or federal court,  
65 syndicate, or any other group or combination acting as a unit, and the plural as  
66 well as the singular number;

67 (9) "Product which is intended to be sold ultimately for final use or  
68 consumption" means tangible personal property, or any service that is subject to  
69 state or local sales or use taxes, or any tax that is substantially equivalent  
70 thereto, in this state or any other state;

71 (10) "Purchaser" means a person who purchases tangible personal  
72 property or to whom are rendered services, receipts from which are taxable under  
73 sections 144.010 to 144.525;

74 (11) "Research or experimentation activities" are the development of an  
75 experimental or pilot model, plant process, formula, invention or similar property,  
76 and the improvement of existing property of such type. Research or

77 experimentation activities do not include activities such as ordinary testing or  
78 inspection of materials or products for quality control, efficiency surveys,  
79 advertising promotions or research in connection with literary, historical or  
80 similar projects;

81 (12) "Sale" or "sales" includes installment and credit sales, and the  
82 exchange of properties as well as the sale thereof for money, every closed  
83 transaction constituting a sale, and means any transfer, exchange or barter,  
84 conditional or otherwise, in any manner or by any means whatsoever, of tangible  
85 personal property for valuable consideration and the rendering, furnishing or  
86 selling for a valuable consideration any of the substances, things and services  
87 herein designated and defined as taxable under the terms of sections 144.010 to  
88 144.525;

89 (13) "Sale at retail" means any transfer made by any person engaged in  
90 business as defined herein of the ownership of, or title to, tangible personal  
91 property to the purchaser, for use or consumption and not for resale in any form  
92 as tangible personal property, for a valuable consideration; except that, for the  
93 purposes of sections 144.010 to 144.525 and the tax imposed thereby: (i)  
94 purchases of tangible personal property made by duly licensed physicians,  
95 dentists, optometrists and veterinarians and used in the practice of their  
96 professions shall be deemed to be purchases for use or consumption and not for  
97 resale; and (ii) the selling of computer printouts, computer output or microfilm  
98 or microfiche and computer-assisted photo compositions to a purchaser to enable  
99 the purchaser to obtain for his or her own use the desired information contained  
100 in such computer printouts, computer output on microfilm or microfiche and  
101 computer-assisted photo compositions shall be considered as the sale of a service  
102 and not as the sale of tangible personal property. Where necessary to conform to  
103 the context of sections 144.010 to 144.525 and the tax imposed thereby, the term  
104 sale at retail shall be construed to embrace:

105 (a) Sales of admission tickets, cash admissions, charges and fees to or in  
106 places of amusement, entertainment and recreation, games and athletic events,  
107 except amounts paid for any instructional class;

108 (b) Sales of electricity, electrical current, water and gas, natural or  
109 artificial, to domestic, commercial or industrial consumers;

110 (c) Sales of local and long distance telecommunications service to  
111 telecommunications subscribers and to others through equipment of  
112 telecommunications subscribers for the transmission of messages and

113 conversations, and the sale, rental or leasing of all equipment or services  
114 pertaining or incidental thereto;

115 (d) Sales of service for transmission of messages by telegraph companies;

116 (e) Sales or charges for all rooms, meals and drinks furnished at any  
117 hotel, motel, tavern, inn, restaurant, eating house, drugstore, dining car, tourist  
118 camp, tourist cabin, or other place in which rooms, meals or drinks are regularly  
119 served to the public;

120 (f) Sales of tickets by every person operating a railroad, sleeping car,  
121 dining car, express car, boat, airplane, and such buses and trucks as are licensed  
122 by the division of motor carrier and railroad safety of the department of economic  
123 development of Missouri, engaged in the transportation of persons for hire;

124 (14) "Seller" means a person selling or furnishing tangible personal  
125 property or rendering services, on the receipts from which a tax is imposed  
126 pursuant to section 144.020;

127 (15) The noun "tax" means either the tax payable by the purchaser of a  
128 commodity or service subject to tax, or the aggregate amount of taxes due from  
129 the vendor of such commodities or services during the period for which he or she  
130 is required to report his or her collections, as the context may require; and

131 (16) "Telecommunications service", for the purpose of this chapter, the  
132 transmission of information by wire, radio, optical cable, coaxial cable, electronic  
133 impulses, or other similar means. As used in this definition, "information" means  
134 knowledge or intelligence represented by any form of writing, signs, signals,  
135 pictures, sounds, or any other symbols. Telecommunications service does not  
136 include the following if such services are separately stated on the customer's bill  
137 or on records of the seller maintained in the ordinary course of business:

138 (a) Access to the internet, access to interactive computer services or  
139 electronic publishing services, except the amount paid for the telecommunications  
140 service used to provide such access;

141 (b) Answering services and one-way paging services;

142 (c) Private mobile radio services which are not two-way commercial mobile  
143 radio services such as wireless telephone, personal communications services or  
144 enhanced specialized mobile radio services as defined pursuant to federal law; or

145 (d) Cable or satellite television or music services.

146 2. For purposes of the taxes imposed under sections 144.010 to 144.525,  
147 and any other provisions of law pertaining to sales or use taxes which incorporate  
148 the provisions of sections 144.010 to 144.525 by reference, the term manufactured

149 homes shall have the same meaning given it in section 700.010.

150 3. Sections 144.010 to 144.525 may be known and quoted as the "Sales  
151 Tax Law".

262.900. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Agricultural products", an agricultural, horticultural, viticultural, or  
3 vegetable product, growing of grapes that will be processed into wine, bees, honey,  
4 fish or other aquacultural product, planting seed, livestock, a livestock product,  
5 a forestry product, poultry or a poultry product, either in its natural or processed  
6 state, that has been produced, processed, or otherwise had value added to it in  
7 this state;

8 (2) "Blighted area", that portion of the city within which the legislative  
9 authority of such city determines that by reason of age, obsolescence, inadequate,  
10 or outmoded design or physical deterioration have become economic and social  
11 liabilities, and that such conditions are conducive to ill health, transmission of  
12 disease, crime or inability to pay reasonable taxes;

13 (3) "Department", the department of agriculture;

14 (4) "Domesticated animal", cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds  
15 including but not limited to ostrich and emu, llamas, alpaca, buffalo, **bison**, elk  
16 documented as obtained from a legal source and not from the wild, goats, or  
17 horses, other equines, or rabbits raised in confinement for human consumption;

18 (5) "Grower UAZ", a type of UAZ:

19 (a) That can either grow produce, raise livestock, or produce other  
20 value-added agricultural products;

21 (b) That does not exceed fifty laying hens, six hundred fifty broiler  
22 chickens, or thirty domesticated animals;

23 (6) "Livestock", cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds including but not  
24 limited to ostrich and emu, aquatic products as [defined] **described** in section  
25 277.024, llamas, alpaca, buffalo, **bison**, elk documented as obtained from a legal  
26 source and not from the wild, goats, or horses, other equines, or rabbits raised in  
27 confinement for human consumption;

28 (7) "Locally grown", a product that was grown or raised in the same  
29 county or city not within a county in which the UAZ is located or in an adjoining  
30 county or city not within a county. For a product raised or sold in a city not  
31 within a county, locally grown also includes an adjoining county with a charter  
32 form of government with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants and  
33 those adjoining said county;

34 (8) "Meat", any edible portion of livestock or poultry carcass or part  
35 thereof;

36 (9) "Meat product", anything containing meat intended for or capable of  
37 use for human consumption, which is derived, in whole or in part, from livestock  
38 or poultry;

39 (10) "Mobile unit", the same as motor vehicle as defined in section  
40 301.010;

41 (11) "Poultry", any domesticated bird intended for human consumption;

42 (12) "Processing UAZ", a type of UAZ:

43 (a) That processes livestock, poultry, or produce for human consumption;

44 (b) That meets federal and state processing laws and standards;

45 (c) Is a qualifying small business approved by the department;

46 (13) "Qualifying small business", those enterprises which are established  
47 within an Urban Agricultural Zone subsequent to its creation, and which meet  
48 the definition established for the Small Business Administration and set forth in  
49 Section 121.201 of Part 121 of Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations;

50 (14) "Value-added agricultural products", any product or products that are  
51 the result of:

52 (a) Using an agricultural product grown in this state to produce a meat  
53 or dairy product in this state;

54 (b) A change in the physical state or form of the original agricultural  
55 product;

56 (c) An agricultural product grown in this state which has had its value  
57 enhanced by special production methods such as organically grown products; or

58 (d) A physical segregation of a commodity or agricultural product grown  
59 in this state that enhances its value such as identity preserved marketing  
60 systems;

61 (15) "Urban agricultural zone" or "UAZ", a zone within a metropolitan  
62 statistical area as defined by the United States Office of Budget and Management  
63 that has one or more of the following entities that is a qualifying small business  
64 and approved by the department, as follows:

65 (a) Any organization or person who grows produce or other agricultural  
66 products;

67 (b) Any organization or person that raises livestock or poultry;

68 (c) Any organization or person who processes livestock or poultry;

69 (d) Any organization that sells at a minimum seventy-five percent locally

70 grown food;

71 (16) "Vending UAZ", a type of UAZ:

72 (a) That sells produce, meat, or value-added locally grown agricultural  
73 goods;

74 (b) That is able to accept food stamps under the provisions of the  
75 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program as a form of payment; and

76 (c) Is a qualifying small business that is approved by the department for  
77 an UAZ vendor license.

78 2. (1) A person or organization shall submit to any incorporated  
79 municipality an application to develop an UAZ on a blighted area of land. Such  
80 application shall demonstrate or identify on the application:

81 (a) If the person or organization is a grower UAZ, processing UAZ,  
82 vending UAZ, or a combination of all three types of UAZs provided in this  
83 paragraph, in which case the person or organization shall meet the requirements  
84 of each type of UAZ in order to qualify;

85 (b) The number of jobs to be created;

86 (c) The types of products to be produced; and

87 (d) If applying for a vending UAZ, the ability to accept food stamps under  
88 the provisions of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program if selling  
89 products to consumers.

90 (2) A municipality shall review and modify the application as necessary  
91 before either approving or denying the request to establish an UAZ.

92 (3) Approval of the UAZ by such municipality shall be reviewed five and  
93 ten years after the development of the UAZ. After twenty-five years, the UAZ  
94 shall dissolve.

95 If the municipality finds during its review that the UAZ is not meeting the  
96 requirements set out in this section, the municipality may dissolve the UAZ.

97 3. The governing body of any municipality planning to seek designation  
98 of an urban agricultural zone shall establish an urban agricultural zone  
99 board. The number of members on the board shall be seven. One member of the  
100 board shall be appointed by the school district or districts located within the area  
101 proposed for designation of an urban agricultural zone. Two members of the  
102 board shall be appointed by other affected taxing districts. The remaining four  
103 members shall be chosen by the chief elected officer of the municipality. The four  
104 members chosen by the chief elected officer of the municipality shall all be  
105 residents of the county or city not within a county in which the UAZ is to be

106 located, and at least one of such four members shall have experience in or  
107 represent organizations associated with sustainable agriculture, urban farming,  
108 community gardening, or any of the activities or products authorized by this  
109 section for UAZs.

110 4. The school district member and the two affected taxing district  
111 members shall each have initial terms of five years. Of the four members  
112 appointed by the chief elected official, two shall have initial terms of four years,  
113 and two shall have initial terms of three years. Thereafter, members shall serve  
114 terms of five years. Each member shall hold office until a successor has been  
115 appointed. All vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
116 appointment. For inefficiency or neglect of duty or misconduct in office, a  
117 member of the board may be removed by the applicable appointing authority.

118 5. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum of such board for  
119 the purpose of conducting business and exercising the powers of the board and for  
120 all other purposes. Action may be taken by the board upon a vote of a majority  
121 of the members present.

122 6. The members of the board annually shall elect a chair from among the  
123 members.

124 7. The role of the board shall be to conduct the activities necessary to  
125 advise the governing body on the designation of an urban agricultural zone and  
126 any other advisory duties as determined by the governing body. The role of the  
127 board after the designation of an urban agricultural zone shall be review and  
128 assessment of zone activities.

129 8. Prior to the adoption of an ordinance proposing the designation of an  
130 urban agricultural zone, the urban agricultural board shall fix a time and place  
131 for a public hearing and notify each taxing district located wholly or partially  
132 within the boundaries of the proposed urban agricultural zone. The board shall  
133 send, by certified mail, a notice of such hearing to all taxing districts and political  
134 subdivisions in the area to be affected and shall publish notice of such hearing  
135 in a newspaper of general circulation in the area to be affected by the designation  
136 at least twenty days prior to the hearing but not more than thirty days prior to  
137 the hearing. Such notice shall state the time, location, date, and purpose of the  
138 hearing. At the public hearing any interested person or affected taxing district  
139 may file with the board written objections to, or comments on, and may be heard  
140 orally in respect to, any issues embodied in the notice. The board shall hear and  
141 consider all protests, objections, comments, and other evidence presented at the

142 hearing. The hearing may be continued to another date without further notice  
143 other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes fixing the time and place of  
144 the subsequent hearing.

145           9. Following the conclusion of the public hearing required under  
146 subsection 8 of this section, the governing authority of the municipality may  
147 adopt an ordinance designating an urban agricultural zone.

148           10. The real property of the UAZ shall not be subject to assessment or  
149 payment of ad valorem taxes on real property imposed by the cities affected by  
150 this section, or by the state or any political subdivision thereof, for a period of up  
151 to twenty-five years as specified by ordinance under subsection 9 of this section,  
152 except to such extent and in such amount as may be imposed upon such real  
153 property during such period, as was determined by the assessor of the county in  
154 which such real property is located, or, if not located within a county, then by the  
155 assessor of such city, in an amount not greater than the amount of taxes due and  
156 payable thereon during the calendar year preceding the calendar year during  
157 which the urban agricultural zone was designated. The amounts of such tax  
158 assessments shall not be increased during such period so long as the real  
159 property is used in furtherance of the activities provided under the provisions of  
160 subdivision (15) of subsection 1 of this section. At the conclusion of the period of  
161 abatement provided by the ordinance, the property shall then be reassessed. If  
162 only a portion of real property is used as an UAZ, then only that portion of real  
163 property shall be exempt from assessment or payment of ad valorem taxes on  
164 such property, as provided by this section.

165           11. If the water services for the UAZ are provided by the municipality, the  
166 municipality may authorize a grower UAZ to pay wholesale water rates for the  
167 cost of water consumed on the UAZ. If available, the UAZ may pay fifty percent  
168 of the standard cost to hook onto the water source.

169           12. (1) Any local sales tax revenues received from the sale of agricultural  
170 products sold in the UAZ, or any local sales tax revenues received by a mobile  
171 unit associated with a vending UAZ selling agricultural products in the  
172 municipality in which the vending UAZ is located, shall be deposited in the urban  
173 agricultural zone fund established in subdivision (2) of this subsection. An  
174 amount equal to one percent shall be retained by the director of revenue for  
175 deposit in the general revenue fund to offset the costs of collection.

176           (2) There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Urban Agricultural  
177 Zone Fund", which shall consist of money collected under subdivision (1) of this

178 subsection. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund. In accordance  
179 with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the state treasurer may approve  
180 disbursements. The fund shall be a dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, shall  
181 be used for the purposes authorized by this section. Notwithstanding the  
182 provisions of section 33.080 to the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund  
183 at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general revenue  
184 fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner  
185 as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such  
186 investments shall be credited to the fund. Fifty percent of fund moneys shall be  
187 made available to school districts. The remaining fifty percent of fund moneys  
188 shall be allocated to municipalities that have urban agricultural zones based upon  
189 the municipality's percentage of local sales tax revenues deposited into the  
190 fund. The municipalities shall, upon appropriation, provide fund moneys to  
191 urban agricultural zones within the municipality for improvements. School  
192 districts may apply to the department for money in the fund to be used for the  
193 development of curriculum on or the implementation of urban farming practices  
194 under the guidance of the University of Missouri extension service and a certified  
195 vocational agricultural instructor. The funds are to be distributed on a  
196 competitive basis within the school district or districts in which the UAZ is  
197 located pursuant to rules to be promulgated by the department, with special  
198 consideration given to the relative number of students eligible for free and  
199 reduced-price lunches attending the schools within such district or districts.

200 13. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section  
201 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall  
202 become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of  
203 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are  
204 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant  
205 to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul  
206 a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking  
207 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013, shall be  
208 invalid and void.

209 14. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any county with a  
210 charter form of government and with more than three hundred thousand but  
211 fewer than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants.

265.300. The following terms as used in sections 265.300 to 265.470,  
2 unless the context otherwise indicates, mean:

- 3           (1) "Adulterated", any meat or meat product under one or more of the  
4 circumstances listed in Title XXI, Chapter 12, Section 601 of the United States  
5 Code as now constituted or hereafter amended;
- 6           (2) "Capable of use as human food", any carcass, or part or product of a  
7 carcass, of any animal unless it is denatured or otherwise identified, as required  
8 by regulation prescribed by the director, to deter its use as human food, or is  
9 naturally inedible by humans;
- 10          (3) "Cold storage warehouse", any place for storing meat or meat products  
11 which contains at any one time over two thousand five hundred pounds of meat  
12 or meat products belonging to any one private owner other than the owner or  
13 operator of the warehouse;
- 14          (4) "Commercial plant", any establishment in which livestock [or], poultry,  
15 **or captive cervids** are slaughtered for transportation or sale as articles of  
16 commerce intended for or capable of use for human consumption, or in which  
17 meat or meat products are prepared for transportation or sale as articles of  
18 commerce, intended for or capable of use for human consumption;
- 19          (5) "Director", the director of the department of agriculture of this state,  
20 or his authorized representative;
- 21          (6) "Livestock", cattle, calves, sheep, swine, ratite birds including but not  
22 limited to ostrich and emu, aquatic products as defined in section 277.024,  
23 llamas, alpaca, buffalo, **bison**, elk documented as obtained from a legal source  
24 and not from the wild, goats, or horses, other equines, or rabbits raised in  
25 confinement for human consumption;
- 26          (7) "Meat", any edible portion of livestock [or], poultry, **or captive**  
27 **cervid** carcass or part thereof;
- 28          (8) "Meat product", anything containing meat intended for or capable of  
29 use for human consumption, which is derived, in whole or in part, from livestock  
30 [or], poultry, **or captive cervids**;
- 31          (9) "Misbranded", any meat or meat product under one or more of the  
32 circumstances listed in Title XXI, Chapter 12, Section 601 of the United States  
33 Code as now constituted or hereafter amended;
- 34          (10) "Official inspection mark", the symbol prescribed by the director  
35 stating that an article was inspected and passed or condemned;
- 36          (11) "Poultry", any domesticated bird intended for human consumption;
- 37          (12) "Prepared", slaughtered, canned, salted, rendered, boned, cut up, or  
38 otherwise manufactured or processed;

39 (13) "Unwholesome":

40 (a) Processed, prepared, packed or held under unsanitary conditions;

41 (b) Produced in whole or in part from livestock [or], poultry, **or captive**  
42 **cervids** which [has] **have** died other than by slaughter.

267.565. Unless the context requires otherwise, as used in sections  
2 267.560 to 267.660, the following terms mean:

3 (1) "Accredited approved veterinarian", a veterinarian who has been  
4 accredited by the United States Department of Agriculture and approved by the  
5 state department of agriculture and who is duly licensed under the laws of  
6 Missouri to engage in the practice of veterinary medicine, or a veterinarian  
7 domiciled and practicing veterinary medicine in a state other than Missouri, duly  
8 licensed under laws of the state in which he resides, accredited by the United  
9 States Department of Agriculture, and approved by the chief livestock sanitary  
10 official of that state;

11 (2) "Animal", an animal of the equine, bovine, porcine, ovine, caprine, or  
12 species domesticated or semidomesticated;

13 (3) "Approved laboratory", a laboratory approved by the department;

14 (4) "Approved vaccine" or "bacterin", a vaccine or bacterin produced under  
15 the license of the United States Department of Agriculture and approved by the  
16 department for the immunization of animals against infectious and contagious  
17 disease;

18 (5) "Bird", a bird of the avian species;

19 (6) "Certified free herd", a herd of cattle, swine, goats or a flock of sheep  
20 or birds which has met the requirements and the conditions set forth in sections  
21 267.560 to 267.660 and as required by the department and as recommended by  
22 the United States Department of Agriculture, and for such status for a specific  
23 disease and for a herd of cattle, swine, goats or flock of sheep or birds in another  
24 state which has met those minimum requirements and conditions under the  
25 supervision of the livestock sanitary authority of the state in which said animals  
26 or birds are domiciled, and as recommended by the United States Department of  
27 Agriculture for such status for a specific disease;

28 (7) "Condition", upon examination of any animal or bird in this state by  
29 the state veterinarian or his or her duly authorized representative, the findings  
30 of which indicate the presence or suspected presence of a toxin in such animal or  
31 bird that warrants further examination or observation for confirmation of the  
32 presence or nonpresence of such toxin;

33 (8) "Department" or "department of agriculture", the department of  
34 agriculture of the state of Missouri, and when by this law the said department of  
35 agriculture is charged to perform a duty, it shall be understood to authorize the  
36 performance of such duty by the director of agriculture of the state of Missouri,  
37 or by the state veterinarian of the state of Missouri or his duly authorized  
38 deputies acting under the supervision of the director of agriculture;

39 (9) "Holding period", restriction of movement of animals or birds into or  
40 out of a premise under such terms and conditions as may be designated by order  
41 of the state veterinarian or his or her duly authorized representative prior to  
42 confirmation of a contagious disease or condition;

43 (10) "Infected animal" or "infected bird", an animal or bird which shows  
44 a positive reaction to any recognized serological test or growth on culture or any  
45 other recognized test for the detection of any disease of livestock or poultry as  
46 approved by the department or when clinical symptoms and history justifies  
47 designating such animal or bird as being infected with a contagious or infectious  
48 disease;

49 (11) "Isolated" or "isolation", a condition in which animals or birds are  
50 quarantined to a certain designated premises and quarantined separately and  
51 apart from any other animals or birds on adjacent premises;

52 (12) "Licensed market", a market as defined and licensed under chapter  
53 277;

54 (13) "Livestock", horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, ratite birds including  
55 but not limited to ostrich and emu, aquatic products as defined in section  
56 277.024, llamas, alpaca, buffalo, **bison**, elk documented as obtained from a legal  
57 source and not from the wild and raised in confinement for human consumption  
58 or animal husbandry, poultry and other domesticated animals or birds;

59 (14) "Official health certificate" is a legal record covering the requirements  
60 of the state of Missouri executed on an official form of the standard size from the  
61 state of origin and approved by the proper livestock sanitary official of the state  
62 of origin or an equivalent form provided by the United States Department of  
63 Agriculture and issued by an approved, accredited, licensed, graduate  
64 veterinarian;

65 (15) "Public stockyards", any public stockyards located within the state  
66 of Missouri and subject to regulations of the United States Department of  
67 Agriculture or the Missouri department of agriculture;

68 (16) "Quarantine", a condition in which an animal or bird of any species

69 is restricted in movement to a particular premises under such terms and  
70 conditions as may be designated by order of the state veterinarian or his duly  
71 authorized deputies;

72 (17) "Traders" or "dealers", any person, firm or corporation engaged in the  
73 business of buying, selling or exchange of livestock on any basis other than on a  
74 commission basis at any sale pen, concentration point, farm, truck or other  
75 conveyance including persons, firms or corporations employed as an agent of the  
76 vendor or purchaser excluding public stockyards under federal supervision or  
77 markets licensed under sections 267.560 to 267.660 and under the supervision of  
78 the department, breed association sales or any private farm sale.

276.606. As used in sections 276.600 to 276.661, the following terms  
2 mean:

3 (1) "Agent", any person authorized to act for a livestock dealer;

4 (2) "Dealer transactions", any purchase, sale, or exchange of livestock by  
5 a dealer, or agent, representative, or consignee of a dealer or person in which any  
6 interest equitable or legal is acquired or divested whether directly or indirectly;

7 (3) "Director", the director of the Missouri department of agriculture or  
8 his designated representative;

9 (4) "Engaged in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging in commerce  
10 livestock", sales and purchases of greater frequency than the person would make  
11 in feeding operation under the normal operation of a farm, if the person is a  
12 farmer. If the person is not a farmer he is a dealer engaged in the business of  
13 buying, selling, or exchanging in commerce livestock;

14 (5) "Livestock", cattle, swine, sheep, goats, horses and poultry, llamas,  
15 alpaca, buffalo, **bison**, and other domesticated or semidomesticated or exotic  
16 animals;

17 (6) "Livestock dealer", any person engaged in the business of buying,  
18 selling, or exchanging in commerce of livestock;

19 (7) "Livestock transactions", any purchase, sale or exchange of livestock  
20 by a person, whether or not a livestock dealer, in which any interest equitable or  
21 legal is acquired or divested whether directly or indirectly;

22 (8) "Official ear tag", a metal or plastic ear tag prescribed by the director  
23 conforming to the nine character alpha-numeric national uniform ear-tagging  
24 system;

25 (9) "Person", any individual, partnership, corporation, association or other  
26 legal entity;

27 (10) "State veterinarian", the state veterinarian of the Missouri  
28 department of agriculture, or his appointed agent.

277.020. The following terms as used in this chapter mean:

2 (1) "Livestock", cattle, swine, sheep, ratite birds including but not limited  
3 to ostrich and emu, aquatic products as defined in section 277.024, llamas, alpaca,  
4 buffalo, **bison**, elk documented as obtained from a legal source and not from the  
5 wild and raised in confinement for human consumption or animal husbandry,  
6 goats and poultry, equine and exotic animals;

7 (2) "Livestock market", a place of business or place where livestock is  
8 concentrated for the purpose of sale, exchange or trade made at regular or  
9 irregular intervals, whether at auction or not, except this definition shall not  
10 apply to any public farm sale or purebred livestock sale, or to any sale, transfer,  
11 or exchange of livestock from one person to another person for movement or  
12 transfer to other farm premises or directly to a licensed market;

13 (3) "Livestock sale", the business of mediating, for a commission, or  
14 otherwise, sale, purchase, or exchange transactions in livestock, whether or not  
15 at a livestock market; except the term "livestock sale" shall not apply to order  
16 buyers, livestock dealers or other persons acting directly as a buying agent for  
17 any third party;

18 (4) "Person", individuals, partnerships, corporations and associations;

19 (5) "State veterinarian", the state veterinarian of the Missouri state  
20 department of agriculture.

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